

Pearson Cabin  
(Mount McKinley Patrol Cabins) (Toklat Ranger Station) (Cabin No. 4)  
Denali National Park & Preserve  
McKinley Station  
Alaska

HABS No. AK-33

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE ALASKA	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY MCKINLEY STATION
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Pearson Cabin (National Park Service Files)		HABS NO. AK-33
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Mount McKinley Patrol Cabin; Toklat Ranger Station; Cabin #4		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Near main branch of Toklat River at mile 53.8 and approximately 125' west of park road; Denali National Park & Preserve; UTM: 05.646950.7046550		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1927 (NPS files)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built by Ranger Grant Pearson, who became the park superintendent in 1949, and Ranger Lee Swesher, this is the oldest (and possibly the only extant) patrol cabin built totally by park rangers. Budget constraints required them to "whip-saw lumber from logs with a reconditioned crosscut saw. See HABS AK-32, Mount McKinley Patrol Cabins		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Rustic		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) logs		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) rectangle; 10' x 12' inside		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE unpeeled round log walls with saddle corner notching; moss, dirt, and wood strips for chinking; exterior unpainted; low pitch gable roof of split poles, sod, shiplap, and composition rolled asphalt; 8 log dog houses to north and south; cache: 10' high poles; pole outhouse remains.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES new lumber and roofing paper, 1951; sill logs replaced and nearby cache reerected, 1976		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE poor condition, 1985; sill logs rotten and cabin settling unevenly causing walls and floor to be several inches out of plumb; portions of roof rotten; Quarters for employee		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) NPS files; NRHP (draft) Patrol Cabins, Mount McKinley National Park; see Bibliography HABS AK-32, Mount McKinley Patrol Cabins		
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